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In re Application of:

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For: Corrosion And Gas Hydrate Inhibitors Having Improved Water Solubility And Increased Biodegradability

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

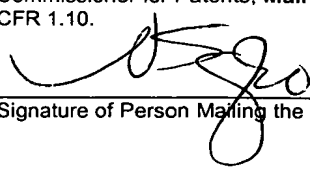
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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